

## Your Faces

The human face is the masterpiece of God.  
Carl Sandberg

I won't forget your faces.  
I greet the light in your eyes  
when you smile at me,  
the tears at their corners  
when we laugh at the outrageous  
or that spill when we share the sad.  
I honor the anger that flares  
and draws your brows together  
at the always intrusive injustices.  
Your eyes are perfect with the curves  
of your chins, your cheekbones.  
Your mouths, speaking or silent,  
turned up or down,  
always reach me when I listen.  
Your faces invite me in,  
and sometimes  
in that long still space  
behind your eyes  
we sense each others' souls.  
We will meet again,  
whether here or in a new guise,  
and I will recognize the shining essence  
behind the magic of your many faces.

-Celia Piehl